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**From:** Hull, George  
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I don't think the second paragraph is quite correct. We say that "EPA will conduct and independent investigation...," then later we say that we will get an "independent source to provide and independent review." I would suggest changing the second paragraph to read: "EPA is committed to determining the facts associated the release through an open and transparent process. Toward that end, EPA will identify an independent source to provide this review."

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Comments?

### **EPA Independent Investigation of Abandoned Mine Release into Animas River; San Juan County, CO**

On 8/5, an EPA and Colorado State Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety team was working to investigate and address contamination at the abandoned Gold King Mine in San Juan County, CO. This work resulted in a large release of mine wastewater into the upper portions of Cement Creek. EPA is actively responding to the site.

EPA will conduct an independent investigation on the cause of the release to the Animas River. EPA is committed to determining the facts associated with the release and is working on identifying an independent source to provide an independent review. The review process will be transparent and open.

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